

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A method for classifying message information for a user of a wireless communication
2 device, the method comprising the steps of:
3 receiving a plurality of messages of a first format intended for a user of a wireless
4 communication device;
5 receiving a plurality of messages of a second format intended for said user of said
6 wireless communication device;
7 determining classification information for each of the messages; and
8 forwarding an alert message to said wireless communication device,
9 wherein said alert message includes said classification information.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1 wherein said classification information includes information
2 about the format of the message received.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1 wherein said classification information includes information
2 about the origin of the message received.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1 comprising the additional step of:
2 receiving a plurality of messages of a third format intended for said user of a wireless
3 communication device.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1 wherein said determining step is accomplished using
2 predetermined rules.
- 1 6. The method of claim 5 wherein said rules are provided by said user of said wireless

2 communication device.

1 7. The method of claim 5 wherein said first format is a voice mail format.

1 8. The method of claim 5 wherein said first format is a fax format.

1 9. The method of claim 5 wherein said first format is an e-mail format.

1 10. The method of claim 5 wherein said first format is a paging format.

1 11. The method of claim 5 wherein said first format is a short message service format.

1 12. The method of claim 5 wherein said first format is a WAP push or other
2 programmatic format.

1 13. A method for classifying message information for a user of a wireless communication
2 device, the method comprising the steps of:
3 receiving a first message intended for the user of a wireless communication device;
4 determining classification information for said message; and
5 sending a second message to said wireless communication device including said
6 classification information.

1 14. The method of claim 13 wherein said second message further includes said first
2 message.

1 15. The method of claim 13 wherein said determining step is accomplished using

2 predetermined rules.

1 16. The method of step 15 wherein said rules are provided by said user of said wireless
2 communication device.

1 17. A method for displaying incoming message information to a user of a wireless
2 communication device comprising the steps of:
3 receiving a plurality of messages at said wireless communication device;
4 determining classification information for each message of said plurality of messages
5 using a predetermined set of rules; and
6 displaying a summary of said plurality of messages to said user of said wireless
7 communication device based on said classification information.

1 18. The method of claim 17 wherein said rules are determined by said user of said
2 wireless communication device.

1 19. The method of claim 17 further comprising the step of:
2 organizing said plurality of messages using said classification information.

1 20. The method of claim 19 wherein said classification information includes information
2 about the type of the message.

1 21. The method of claim 20 wherein said displaying step includes displaying the number
2 of messages by type.

1 22. The method of claim 19 wherein said classification information includes information

2 about the origin of the message.

1 23. The method of claim 22 wherein said displaying step includes displaying the number
2 of messages by origin.